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DEVELOPMENT OF JNPT AS MOTHER PORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make the JNPT as the Mother Port on the West Coast of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the plan drawn up in this regard alongwith the expenditure likely to be incurred on its development; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a)to(c): A mother port is capable of receiving large size vessels to facilitate direct sailing of export containers to their destinations, or to receive import containers destined for India directly without transhipment at any foreign port. Jawaharlal Nehru Port fulfils several requirements of a mother port, such as concentration of traffic, proximity to international routes and markets, longer waterfront, better road/rail connectivity, large back up area and supporting hinterland. Certain customs procedures which were seen as hurdle in transshipment have also been simplified recently. Some of the major schemes drawn up by the port in this regard are augmentation of container handling facilities and deepening and widening of the channel at a cost of over Rs.700 crores.

Development of the port, which includes its maintenance as a mother port, is a continuous process.